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DECLARATION BY INVENTOR

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Kip Van Steeburg declare that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that I verily believe myself to be the original and first inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,802,641 (hereinafter '641 PATENT) and in the reissue specification filed September 7, 2000 and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent; that I do not know and do not believe that said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof; and that I verily believe the '641 PATENT to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of our claiming less than I had a right to claim in the '641 PATENT.

I request that I be permitted to amend the '641 PATENT and be granted a reissue patent; that errors rendering the '641 PATENT wholly or partly inoperative or invalid caused the claims of such patent to be of more narrow scope than necessary to distinguish over the prior art; and that such errors arose without any deceptive intent.

Specifically, I at least claimed less than I had a right to claim in the '641 PATENT by limiting patent claim 1 to the supporting device to one with a longitudinal axis and the clamping device having an axis transverse to the longitudinal axis.

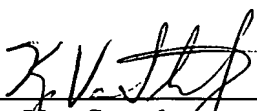
I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims as amended herein.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56; and I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application for reissue or any patent issuing thereon.

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